

Annual Convention of Ontario West

"For the years that come and the
years that go
Are held in His guiding hand,
Whose loving kindness His children
know,
Though their hearts cannot un-
derstand."

Reported by Miss Janet McLaurin.

The Annual Convention of the Women's Baptist Foreign Mission Society met on Nov. 8th in Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto. Mrs. John Firstbrook, President, was in the chair. It was their 40th birthday, and the courage of the past and the hope for the future was reflected in the motto on the programs, "Strengthened with might by the Spirit." Jarvis Street Church has been the scene of so many church gatherings that the very walls breathe welcome, and after the opening singing and prayer it needed only the cordial words of Mrs. John Lillie to make the delegates feel genuinely at home.

Suggestions from Directors.

As the directors were gathered into their choir seats, the delegates had an opportunity to see these women, who are the powers behind the throne, the forces who make the wheels go round. Their suggestions for work were many and to the point. Again the emphasis was laid on Band and Young Women's work and a closer affiliation between these bodies and the Circles was urged. Band secretaries as aids to directors, Circle committees to work with the Band leader, the importance of teaching systematic giving, and a strong urging of the "Win One" campaign, were among the suggestions. An effort should be made to enlist as collectors some of every church's unemployed.

Perhaps no department of work made a stronger bid for attention and more worthily than the Bureau of Literature. This is in the hands of Mrs. Thomas Moor, Toronto. Its various first aids were marshaled under the name of "Our Allies," and it is unbelievable that any Circle or Band could be dying of inertia if once put into touch with this Bureau. Evidently the days of the old, insipid,

goody-goody literature are over. Books, pamphlets, leaflets, song for children, kindergarten exercises appeared in abundance to strengthen the hearts of weary leaders. Spicy, vigorous and up to date, they are a present help. Especially recommended were the Missionary Hymnel and Whisper Song for children. Connect up with this Bureau at once. It will repay you.

The LINK.

Under Miss J. M. Norton, the LINK has grown. It is a readable, forceful sheet, binding its subscribers very closely to lonely hearts in India. It hasn't much money in the bank—would be glad of more, but is thankful for a gain of 57 new subscribers this last year.

Looking Backward.

Forty years—long in difficulties, doubts and discouragement. Forty years—short, in joy of service, sheaves for the Master and spiritual uplift, as the years were lived again in the four papers presented, it was a cause for marvelling that that handful of years could have done so much for the women of India and the Baptist women of Canada. Mrs. Lillie recalled the first wonderful ten years, when the Society answered to the white-hot plea of the Rev. A. V. Timpany, who, fresh from the awful sorrows of Hindu womankind, begged the favored ones at home to send them help—help for women from women. The early years brought hardships and triumphs, opposition to women's work as unwomanly. Few members, little money, but two missionaries were sent out, one being Miss Isabel Hatch. Boats were built, a girls' school founded, Bible-women supported and Home Mission work begun. The next ten years saw nine workers sent out, zenana work instituted and a boarding school founded. Sunday school work among the Hindus was begun, and the Bureau of Literature had its birth. The next decade brought seven new lady missionaries, medical work started by women doctors, two houseboats built, bungalows erected, and went out in a blaze of glory as all hearts were visited by the Power from